

(d) **REDESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MULTIMODAL FREIGHT NETWORK.**—Not later than 5 years after the initial designation under subsection (c), and every 5 years thereafter, the Under Secretary, using the designation factors described in subsection (c), shall redesignate the National Multimodal Freight Network.

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#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The date of enactment of this section, referred to in subsecs. (b)(1) and (c)(1), is the date of enactment of Pub. L. 114-94, which was approved Dec. 4, 2015.

#### PRIOR PROVISIONS

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#### § 70201. State freight advisory committees

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation shall encourage each State to establish a freight advisory committee consisting of a representative cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders, including representatives of ports, freight railroads, shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, third-party logistics providers, the freight industry workforce, the transportation department of the State, and local governments.

(b) **ROLE OF COMMITTEE.**—A freight advisory committee of a State described in subsection (a) shall—

- (1) advise the State on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs;
- (2) serve as a forum for discussion for State transportation decisions affecting freight mobility;
- (3) communicate and coordinate regional priorities with other organizations;
- (4) promote the sharing of information between the private and public sectors on freight issues; and
- (5) participate in the development of the freight plan of the State described in section 70202.

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#### § 70202. State freight plans

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each State that receives funding under section 167 of title 23 shall develop a freight plan that provides a comprehensive plan for the immediate and long-range planning activities and investments of the State with respect to freight.

(b) **PLAN CONTENTS.**—A State freight plan described in subsection (a) shall include, at a minimum—

- (1) an identification of significant freight system trends, needs, and issues with respect to the State;
- (2) a description of the freight policies, strategies, and performance measures that will guide the freight-related transportation investment decisions of the State;
- (3) when applicable, a listing of—
  - (A) multimodal critical rural freight facilities and corridors designated within the State under section 70103 of this title; and
  - (B) critical rural and urban freight corridors designated within the State under section 167 of title 23;
- (4) a description of how the plan will improve the ability of the State to meet the national multimodal freight policy goals described in section 70101(b) of this title and the national highway freight program goals described in section 167 of title 23;
- (5) a description of how innovative technologies and operational strategies, including freight intelligent transportation systems, that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement, were considered;
- (6) in the case of roadways on which travel by heavy vehicles (including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and timber vehicles) is projected to substantially deteriorate the condition of the roadways, a description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede the deterioration;
- (7) an inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as bottlenecks, within the State, and for those facilities that are State owned or operated, a description of the strategies the State is employing to address the freight mobility issues;
- (8) consideration of any significant congestion or delay caused by freight movements and any strategies to mitigate that congestion or delay;
- (9) a freight investment plan that, subject to subsection (c)(2), includes a list of priority projects and describes how funds made available to carry out section 167 of title 23 would be invested and matched; and
- (10) consultation with the State freight advisory committee, if applicable.

(4) a description of how the plan will improve the ability of the State to meet the national multimodal freight policy goals described in section 70101(b) of this title and the national highway freight program goals described in section 167 of title 23;

(5) a description of how innovative technologies and operational strategies, including freight intelligent transportation systems, that improve the safety and efficiency of freight movement, were considered;

(6) in the case of roadways on which travel by heavy vehicles (including mining, agricultural, energy cargo or equipment, and timber vehicles) is projected to substantially deteriorate the condition of the roadways, a description of improvements that may be required to reduce or impede the deterioration;

(7) an inventory of facilities with freight mobility issues, such as bottlenecks, within the State, and for those facilities that are State owned or operated, a description of the strategies the State is employing to address the freight mobility issues;

(8) consideration of any significant congestion or delay caused by freight movements and any strategies to mitigate that congestion or delay;

(9) a freight investment plan that, subject to subsection (c)(2), includes a list of priority projects and describes how funds made available to carry out section 167 of title 23 would be invested and matched; and

(10) consultation with the State freight advisory committee, if applicable.

(c) **RELATIONSHIP TO LONG-RANGE PLAN.**—

(1) **INCORPORATION.**—A State freight plan described in subsection (a) may be developed separately from or incorporated into the statewide strategic long-range transportation plan required by section 135 of title 23.

(2) **FISCAL CONSTRAINT.**—The freight investment plan component of a freight plan shall